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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 3 as indicated

REMARKS

Following receipt of the previous Detailed Action, Applicant's counsel had a telephonic interview with the Examiner on August 18, 2006. Applicant requested the basis for the Examiner's position that claim 21 did not read on the elected specie, Fig. 3. The Examiner indicated that claim 21 reads on FIG. 5. Applicant responded that claim 21 also reads on FIG. 3.

The Examiner indicated that he was unclear where FIG. 3 showed an arm, as an arm is not expressly discussed with respect to FIG. 3. Applicant noted that the application refers to U-shaped structures on several occasions as having arms and that one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that a U-shaped mounting bracket includes arms. See e.g. paragraphs 51, 52 and 67 and FIGs. 5 and 8b. Furthermore, Applicant noted that there is no requirement to discuss every structure with respect to every drawing of an invention. Doing so would result in applications which could be hundreds of pages long for even simple mechanical inventions. Furthermore, claim 22, specifically identifies the arm as being a part of the mounting bracket - which is shown in FIG. 3.

Applicant followed up the telephone interview with a written reply providing a detailed discussion regarding how FIG. 3 shows an arm which is connected to the facing strip. The Examiner has now issued a request for information asking that Applicant identify the specific element by number and discussion in the Specification. As Applicant has already indicated that the arm which is shown in FIG. 3 but not expressly discussed, the request seems redundant to what has already been discussed in detail between the Examiner and Applicant's counsel. To resolve the matter and return focus to examination of the claims, Applicant has amended the

specification and the drawing to clearly identify the at least one arm connected to the facing strip and extending away from the first piece of steel plate and the second piece of steel plate which is shown in FIG.3. The amendment to paragraph 41 and to FIG. 3 is clearly supported by FIG. 3 and claim 22 as originally filed. Thus, no new matter has been entered.

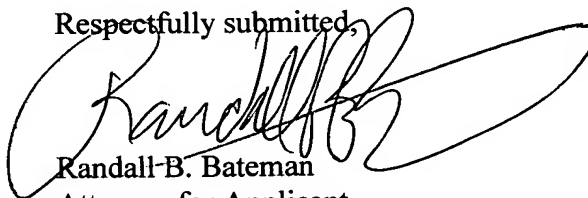
The arm 154' in FIG. 3 meets the limitation of cited language of Claim 21, as the arm , which is part of the mounting bracket 154 is attached to the facing strip 112 and extends away from the metal plates 104 and 108. This structure is also consistent with claim 22.

Should the Examiner believe that there are any additional outstanding issues, it is requested that he call Applicant's counsel so that such matters may be resolved without the delays of written correspondence.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount owing or credit any overpayment to Account No. 502720.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randall B. Bateman', is written over the typed name and title.

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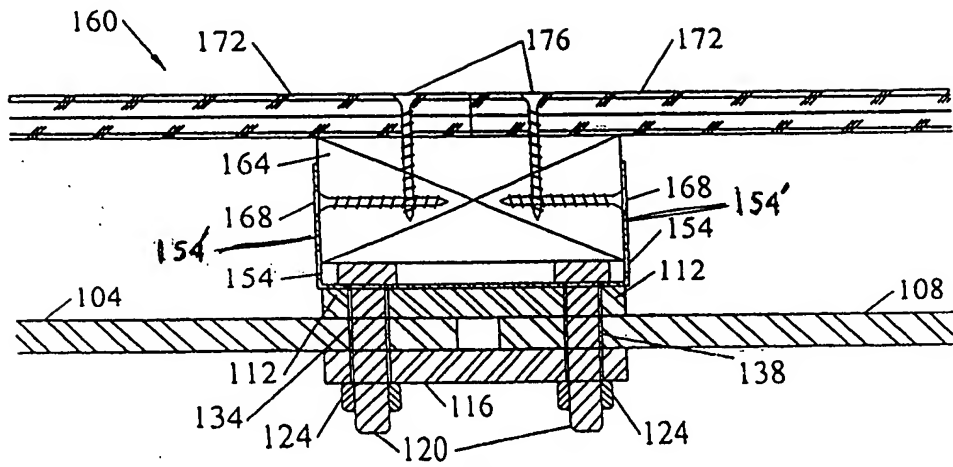


Figure 3

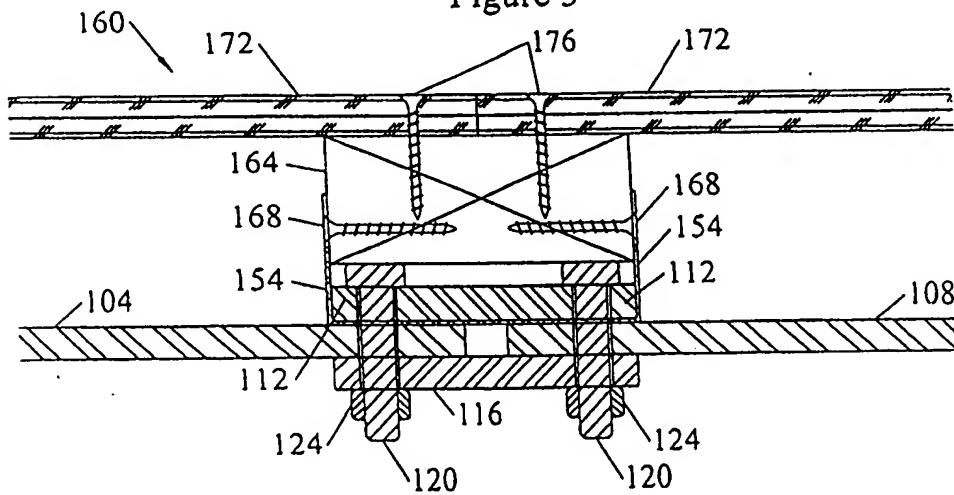


Figure 4

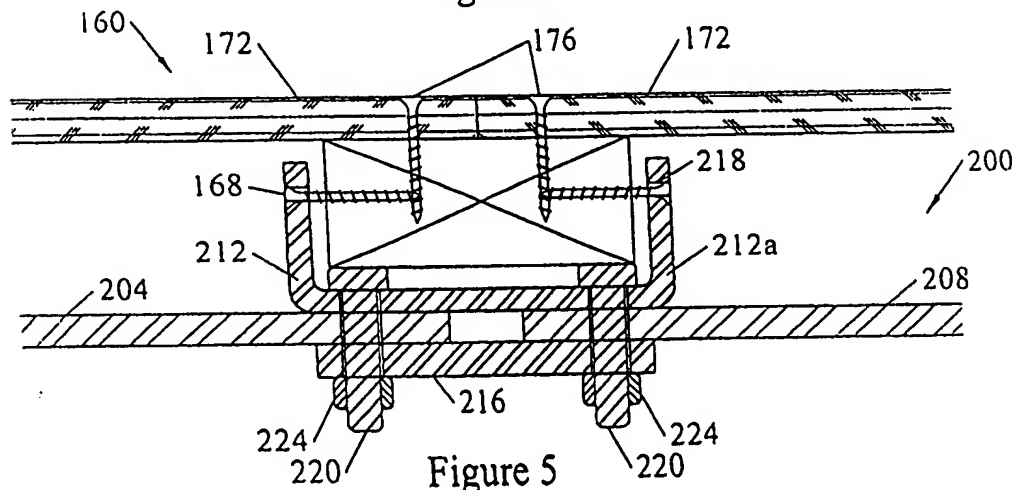


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